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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOC EXPULSION OF PRC EMBASSY OFFICER

1. DEPT (EA/PRCM ARMSTRONG AND EUR/CAN KRUSE) CALLED IN CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR FRASER TO REQUEST GOC COOPERATION IN MINIMIZING PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT US CONNECTION WITH THE CASE. WE NOTED HELPFUL STATEMENT BY GOC MINISTER TODAY TO EFFECT THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN AT GOC INITIATIVE AND NOT AT REQUEST ANY OTHER COUNTRY. (STATEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY PRESS STORY THAT PRC PRESS ATTACHE HAD MADE WEEKLY TRIPS TO US TO COLLECT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.) SAID WE ASSUMED GOC WISHED TO DAMPEN PUBLIC ATTENTION AND THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE GOC COOPERATION IN MINIMIZING PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBLE AMERICAN CONNECTION. MENTIONED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAD BEEN ASKED ABOUT PRESS STORY MENTIONED ABOVE AND THAT WE WERE SAYING "NO COMMENT" IN RESPONSE TO THAT AND OTHER PRESS QUERIES.

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2. FRASER AGREED GOC WISHED TO DAMPEN PUBLIC ATTENTION AND SAID HE WOULD PASS OUR COMMENTS TO OTTAWA. KISSINGER

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